

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: January 15, 2002

Council Report # 13

Contact: Bruce McNabb 847-1360 Ext. 268

Report Writer: Numan Franklin, 847-1360 Ext. 267

Subject: Virginia Enhancement Award Application for Lynchburg, Historic District's Streets Restoration

Purpose of Action:

- Conduct a public hearing to receive citizens' input regarding this grant application for \$988,680.
- Adoption of a resolution by City Council to authorize filing of grant application, including a commitment to assure matching support of at least twenty percent (20%) of project costs.

Requested Action:

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing
 - B. Consideration of a resolution
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Funding: None at this time. If the grant application is approved for the entire amount requested, the City and the Historic Districts would need to provide \$247,170 over four years from the Streets Division's operating budget and in-kind contributions.

Prior Action: October 5, 2001: Finance and Planning Committee Review

Attachments: Proposed CIP Project Sheet
Historic District Support letters
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorsement
A letter from the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce

Resolution/Ordinance:

- A. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizens' input regarding a grant application for \$988,680.
- B. Consideration of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program a transportation enhancement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Lynchburg authorizes filing a grant application, requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the City of Lynchburg, Historic Districts' Street Restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City of Lynchburg hereby agrees to provide 20 percent of the total cost for planning, design, right of way, and construction of this project, and that, if the City of Lynchburg subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City of Lynchburg hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary documents for this project.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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Other Information: Public Works and the Historic Districts' Coalition have developed a partnership for restoration of brick streets within the historic districts of the City of Lynchburg. The Coalition showed their support by providing volunteer manpower, while Public Works provided necessary equipment and technical expertise. Public Works and the Coalition realize that this project is very large and that additional funding is needed to complete this project. Because the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) provides grants for these types of projects, Public Works has prepared a grant application to the CTP for additional funding.

If the grant application is approved for the entire amount requested, the City and the Historic Districts would need to provide \$247,170 over four years from the Streets Division operating budget and in-kind contributions, beginning in fiscal year 2004. This enables Public Works to pay \$43,255 per year, out of their operating budget, toward the matching funds. If budget constraints occur during any of the four fiscal years, Public Works could use manpower and equipment to generate \$43,255 toward the in-kind matching funds. The Historic Districts' Coalition will contribute \$18,538 each year by providing 20 people, based on labor rates at seven dollars per hour, volunteering approximately 132 hours of manpower per year toward the project.

The Historic Districts' Coalition made it clear to Public Works that this restoration project is important to our historic districts' quality of life. The Lynchburg Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau has expressed that the restoration project will play an important role in the ongoing development of the City Historic Districts tourism program (see attachment). IT is acknowledge that continuation of these efforts will help improve the quality of life in Lynchburg, but the efforts will be costly as well as time consuming. Receipt of 80% funding assistance from the Virginia Department of Transportation will provide the means and strengthen the partnership between the historic districts and the City.

Project Title:
Historic Districts' streets Restoration

Proposed

Project Manager: Numan Franklin
Project Owner: William T. Wilson
Financial Manager: Judy Zerfoss

Description:

Road restoration. The Historic Districts' Coalition is requesting the City to uncover the bricks/stone streets within the five historic districts. Construction will consist of removing the asphalt and replacing the missing and damaged bricks/stones.

Justification:

Enhance the transportation system by improving the ability of the public to appreciate the historical significance of the historic districts. Provide protection and enhancement to the scenic, historic, cultural integrity and visitor appreciation of the existing roads and adjacent homes.

Location: Historic Districts of Lynchburg, Virginia: Court House Hill, Daniel's Hill, Diamond Hill, Federal Hill, Garland Hill.

Status of Project Site: Publicly owned city streets

Operating Budget

Impact: The Department of Public Works, Streets Division allocates approximately \$62,000 each year toward addressing street maintenance issues for the historic districts. With the grant's support and the volunteer's in-kind matching efforts, the Streets Division can increase its maintenance efforts to at least \$308,963 each year, over four years. This is a significant amount of additional work that can be done at no additional cost to Streets Division operating budget.

FY 2004-2007 Program Period Funding		Funding Outside of Program Period			Total Accumulated	
Gross:	Net:	Prior:	Beyond:		Project cost:	
\$1,235,852	\$173,020	\$0	\$0		\$173,020	

Four Year Proposed Funding to be Financed by the City

Asphalt Removal	\$ -	\$ 90,300.00	\$ 90,300.00	\$ 90,300.00	\$ 90,300.00	\$ -	\$ 361,200.00
Brick / Stone Repair	\$ -	\$ 218,663.00	\$ 218,663.00	\$ 218,663.00	\$ 218,663.00	\$ -	\$ 874,652.00
	\$0	\$308,963	\$308,963	\$308,963	\$308,963	\$0	\$ 1,235,852.00

Sources of Funding

Public Works, Streets Div.	\$ -	\$ 43,255.00	\$ 43,255.00	\$ 43,255.00	\$ 43,255.00	\$ -	\$ 173,020.00
Historic Districts' Coalition	\$ -	\$ 18,538.00	\$ 18,538.00	\$ 18,538.00	\$ 18,538.00	\$ -	\$ 74,152.00
TEA-21 Grant	\$ -	\$ 247,170.00	\$ 247,170.00	\$ 247,170.00	\$ 247,170.00	\$ -	\$ 988,680.00
	\$ -	\$ 308,963.00	\$ 308,963.00	\$ 308,963.00	\$ 308,963.00	\$ -	\$ 1,235,852.00

Sources of Program Funding, FY 2004-2007

Local: 20 %
State/Federal: 80 %

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
THE LYNCHBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO SEEK A GRANT FOR STREET RENOVATIONS
IN THE FIVE HISTORIC DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG**

The Historic District of DIAMOND HILL expresses its support and willingness to assist in the grant proposal to be submitted by the Lynchburg Department of Public Works to renovate the streets within the five Historic Districts of Lynchburg, Virginia.

This would include but not be limited to removal of asphalt on designated streets within each Historic District and repair of the historic materials underneath (brick, Belgium block or cobblestone).

We understand that each Historic District will be consulted regarding priority of streets to be addressed in its district as well as desire by the residents not to remove asphalt on some streets,

At this time, we suggest the following street priority for consideration for asphalt removal and renovation within our Historic District :

First Priority: Pearl Street from Madison to Grace

Second Priority: Washington Street

Third Priority: Madison Street (1400 block)

Streets We Suggest At This Time To Be Left With Asphalt Covering:

Church Street, lower Pearl Street (from Church to Clay)

Date Resolution Approved: July 29, 2001

Body or Leadership In Historic District Taking the Action: Diamond Hill Historical Society, Inc.

Signature of President, ~~Coordinator, Chair~~ James J. Carrington

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Upon Taking Action, Please Send by August 15th to:

*M. Anderson Sale, Coordinator of Historic District Coalition
300 Harrison Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504
andy@peakspresbytery.org*

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At this time, we suggest the following street priority for consideration for asphalt removal and renovation within our Historic District :

First Priority: Federal St.

Second Priority: Harrison St.

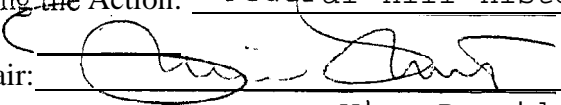
Third Priority: Jackson St.

Streets We Suggest At This Time To Be Left With Asphalt Covering:

Date Resolution Approved: September 11, 2001

Body or Leadership In Historic District Taking the Action: Federal Hill Historical Association

Signature of President, Coordinator, Chair: _____


Vice President

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At this time, we suggest the following street priority for consideration for asphalt removal and renovation within our Historic District :

First Priority: CABELL STREET

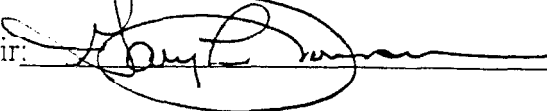
Second Priority: "A" STREET

Third Priority: "F" DRIVE

Streets We Suggest At This Time To Be Left With Asphalt Covering:

Date Resolution Approved: 8-14-01

Body or Leadership In Historic District Taking the Action: Body of Historic District

Signature of President, Coordinator, Chair: 

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At this time, we suggest the following street priority for consideration for asphalt removal and renovation within our Historic District :

First Priority: COURT STREET 7th to 12th

Second Priority: _____

Third Priority: _____

Streets We Suggest At This Time To Be Left With Asphalt Covering:

Date Resolution Approved: _____

Body or Leadership In Historic District Taking the Action: _____

Signature of President, Coordinator, Chair: Peter Houck

Upon Taking Action, Please Send by August 15th to:

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The Historic District of Garland Hill expresses its support and willingness to assist in the grant proposal to be submitted by the Lynchburg Department of Public Works to renovate the streets within the five Historic Districts of Lynchburg, Virginia.

This would include but not be limited to removal of asphalt on designated streets within each Historic District and repair of the historic materials underneath (brick, Belgium block or cobblestone).

We understand that each Historic District will be consulted regarding priority of streets to be addressed in its district as well as desire by the residents not to remove asphalt on some streets.

At this time, we suggest the following street priority for consideration for asphalt removal and renovation within our Historic District :

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Ed St. from
Harrison St. to
Federal St. with
brick imprinting
over asphalt.

← First Priority: Removal of asphalt from 5th St to 1st St. on Madison and Harrison Sts.
Second Priority: from Federal St to Madison St, including Ha on entry streets into district
Third Priority: On streets not deemed salvageable within historic district, do imprinting of brick over asphalt -
Streets We Suggest At This Time To Be Left With Asphalt Covering:

Date Resolution Approved: 7-28-01

Body or Leadership In Historic District Taking the Action: Margaret A. Rose / Herman
Chair Street

Signature of President, Coordinator, Chair: Margaret A. Rose, pres.

Garland Hill Neighborhood Assoc.

Upon Taking Action, Please Send by August 15th to:

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November 28, 2001

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Neighborhood Coordinator
Department of Public Works
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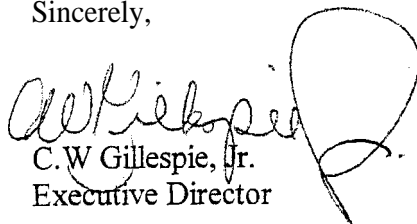
Dear Mr. Franklin,

Please accept this letter of endorsement on behalf of the Region 2000 Regional Commission regarding the Historic: Street District Restoration Project application to the Transportation Enhancement Program for Federal assistance to improve and restore the roads in this historical district.

The Commission has in the past and continues to support programs designed to promote and enhance public involvement within a community and the environmental quality of the Commonwealth. The Historic Districts Coalition has expressed great enthusiasm in being involved with restoring their community to its historical roots. These improvements call for restoration of their streets. These necessary improvements will ultimately expand the quality of life in Lynchburg Historic District.

Upon review of the Historic Districts' Restoration Project Work Plan, the Region 2000 Regional Commission fully endorses the Historic Districts' Restoration Project Federal application for \$850,000 and respectfully requests the Transportation Enhancement Program fund this valuable program.

Sincerely,


C.W. Gillespie, Jr.
Executive Director

Lynchburg Regional
Convention and
Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 2027
Lynchburg, VA 24501

November 15, 2001

Mr. Newman Franklin
City Hall
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Dear Mr. Franklin:

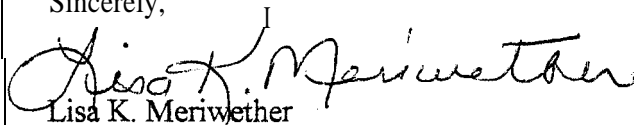
We have been informed that the City of Lynchburg is in the process of applying for a grant for the development of the Historic Districts Street Restoration project.

The Lynchburg Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to express our excitement; at the prospect of this project. This grant will play an important role in the ongoing development of our Historic Districts tourism program. We currently work very closely with the Historic Districts to promote the areas with both leisure and group travel through the distribution of our "Guide to the Historic Districts".

We feel that this campaign to beautify these historic streets will accomplish a number of goals. First, it will enhance the charm of the neighborhoods by restoring the brick streets. And secondly, once restored, the streets will help set the tone and mood for visitors coming to the Historic Districts.

We appreciate the efforts of the City in pursuing this very worthwhile project and do hope that you are successful in acquiring the funding to press forward with the Historic Districts Street Restoration project.

Sincerely,



Lisa K. Meriwether

Interim VP of Tourism Services
Lynchburg Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau



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